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WEEKLY MEETING

Rotary Club of Singapore's National Day Celebration: Service, Fellowship, and Inspiration

By PIPR Vice Danielle

20 August 2025 - The Rotary Club of Singapore's 6th Club Meeting was a memorable occasion as members and guests gathered to celebrate National Day and reaffirm our commitment to service. The evening began with a warm welcome and a special toast to our visiting Rotarian, President Abhishek Shrivastava of the Rotary Club of Echo Atlantic, Nigeria. President Abhishek shared about his club's impactful work in Nigeria, particularly their efforts to upgrade primary healthcare centers and provide essential maternal and child health services. The banner exchange between our clubs was a meaningful gesture of international friendship and Rotary fellowship.

The meeting was also a time to celebrate personal milestones within our club. Members marking birthdays and anniversaries were recognized, and the room was filled with applause and well-wishes. These moments of joy highlighted the strong bonds and sense of family that define our club.

President Sonali provided a comprehensive update on our recent and ongoing projects. She highlighted the successful End Polio Walk and Paul Harris Society Dinner, both of which reinforced our club's commitment to eradicating polio and supporting the Rotary Foundation.



Our regular food distribution initiative continues to support 100 elderly families each month, and the installation of new Interact and Rotary clubs, such as Bukit Gombak, demonstrates our dedication to nurturing young leaders.

Looking ahead, members were encouraged to participate in upcoming events, including the International Service Committee meeting, installations of sister clubs in the region, and a special trip to Shenyang to visit an organic farm project supporting individuals with autism. Updates were also shared on flagship projects such as "Help the Children" in Indonesia, our new partnership with St Luke's and Yong En Active Hub to promote active aging, and the NeuGen project supporting children of ex-offenders with tuition and enrichment programs.



A major highlight was the progress on our dialysis center project at Willing Hearts in partnership with Renal Health Services. With 20 machines planned and significant funds already raised, the center is on track to launch by year-end, providing life-saving treatment and preventive care to those in need. This project exemplifies our club's commitment to making a tangible difference in the community.

The evening's highlight was the address by our guest of honor, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (SPS) Eric Chua. SPS Chua spoke passionately about the Rotary Club of Singapore's longstanding contributions to the nation, from supporting scholarships and healthcare initiatives to championing youth development and social inclusion. He emphasized the importance of civic duty, multiculturalism, and service to others—values that have shaped Singapore's success and are deeply embedded in Rotary's mission.



SPS Chua also reflected on the challenges facing Singapore in a rapidly changing world, stressing the need for unity, openness, and collaboration. He encouraged Rotarians to continue working alongside the government and the wider community to build a resilient and inclusive Singapore. His words were both a tribute to our club's legacy and a call to action for the future.

The evening concluded with stirring performances by the Interact Club of Sembawang, the singing of the national anthem, and a toast to Singapore. As we celebrated National Day together, we were reminded of the privilege and responsibility of serving the country we call home.

Guest List:

1. Eric Chua, SPS, Ministry of Social and Family Development & Ministry of Law
2. Joshua Yee, PMO Office
3. Bryan Ho, PMO Office
4. Dr Rachel Pereira, Spouse of IPDG Dr Yap
5. Patricia Wang, Spouse of PP Dr Chan
6. Lily Patel, Spouse of PP Patel
7. Janet Ong, Daughter of PP JK
8. Zerine Medora, Spouse of Jamshid
9. Sarmista Mondol, Prospect (President Sonali)
10. Nana Au, Prospect (DG Dr Shahul)

Visiting Rotarians:

1. AG Thomas Wong (RC Singapore West)
2. President Abhishek Srivastava (RC Eko Atlantic)
3. Tan May Yan (RC E-Club of 3310)
4. Caitlin (Interactor - ICS)
5. XinYang (Interactor - ICS)
6. Madison (Interactor - ICS)
7. Cheryl (Interactor - ICS)



2ND ISC MEETING: STRENGTHENING GLOBAL TIES

By Rtn Colin Miles

21 August 2025 – The International Service Committee (ISC) held its second meeting of the Rotary year at the Senior Police Officers Mess, kindly hosted by HM Joseph and PP Jimmy Ooi. Chaired by Navaneeth Rajkumar, the session reaffirmed the committee's focus on growing relationships with sister and partner clubs across the region.

New Zoom Exchanges

Members were excited to launch monthly Zoom sessions with partner clubs. Each 30-minute exchange will feature club histories, projects, and culture. The first session kicks off in late August, opening a fresh channel for fellowship and collaboration.

Fellowship in Action: Philippines & Penang

Recent visits to Penang and Manila showcased the impact of Rotary service.

- **RC Makati – Fair Play for All:** Sports, nutrition, and education for disadvantaged children.
- **Gift of Life:** Lifesaving pediatric heart surgeries.
- **RC Cauayan:** Deep wells and classroom projects.
- **New Collaboration:** Exploring an organ preservation machine with a Manila renal institute.

These projects reflect the spirit of fellowship and open doors for future partnerships.



Spotlight on Nepal

ISC funds are now supporting a vocational training centre for women in Nepal. Beneficiaries learn tailoring skills and receive sewing machines — creating sustainable livelihoods and long-term empowerment.



Policy Highlights

The committee also reviewed practical steps to guide future service:

- **Disaster Relief:** Automatic cap of USD \$2,500 for rapid response, with host clubs accountable for reporting.
- **Education in Cox's Bazar:** Piloting digital learning for Rohingya youths. While certification remains a question, members agreed the focus on dignity and empowerment is vital.

Looking Ahead

The meeting closed with updates on exchange programmes, sustainability sessions, and fellowship opportunities. As Chair Navaneeth reminded, "Our sister club ties should go beyond formality. They should feel like family."

RC MALACCA INSTALLATION

By PP Stan Low

23 August 2025 - The Rotary Club of Malacca (RCM), proudly chartered on 1st September 1930 as the second oldest club in District 3310, celebrated its Installation Dinner with much colour and fellowship.

More than 80 Rotarians and guests filled the hall, including distinguished leaders from across the District. The Guest of Honour, DG Dr. Shahul, arrived with his gracious District First Lady Michelle. Also present were PDG Dr. John Chan with partner Wee Ping, as well as President Nicole Liong of RC Senai and delegations from RC Kota Melaka and RC Kota Famosa.

A moving highlight was the passing of the Chain of Office from IPP Dato' Ronald Gan to incoming President Lee Yuen Thien, an award-winning author of *The Baba & Nyonya Renaissance: Identity Maintenance & Shifts*.



L-R: PDG Dr John Chan, AG CG Lee, AG Stan Low, DG Dr Shahul Hameed, Mdm Venetia Yap, President Lee Yuen Thien, IPP Dato' Ronald Gan, & Hon District Secty Ng Yaw Hua.

The evening reached an inspiring moment when Mdm Venetia Yap, wife of the late PP Charles Chiam, announced a generous donation towards the purchase of a Rotary House of Malacca—dedicated to serving the local community for years to come.

The celebration concluded on a joyful note, with fellowship, laughter, singing, and lively dancing led by kebaya-clad lady Rotarians and guests. It was truly an evening that captured the enduring spirit of Rotary.



RC KL DIRAJA WELCOME DINNER AND INSTALLATION

By PIPR Director VJ Africa

22 and 23 August 2025 – Our Sister Club, RC Kuala Lumpur DiRaja, welcomed us with open arms...the way family welcomes family.

The festivities started on Friday night at the Four Points by Sheraton where we feasted on sumptuous local cuisine while being serenaded by one of the top local talents, Gerard Singh.

Saturday offered another opportunity for fellowship as RC KL DiRaja hosted us in the Selangor Sikh Union Kelab Aman. Rich Indian cuisine was accentuated by traditional Bhangra music. And yes, some Rotarians couldn't resist the beat and succumbed to the energy of the music.



The highlight of course was the installation itself. We first had the signing of the Sister Club Agreement. It was a fitting ceremony celebrating many years of sisterhood. We were then treated to an amazing live band (Acoustic Four Play) while spoiled by what felt like an endless course Chinese extravaganza dinner as we witnessed all the pomp and circumstance of the installation. The evening was packed with speeches of gratitude, commitment, and hope.

A personal favourite activity was when a drone captured all the attendees showcasing their support for the Blue Dot project. The Blue Dot project is a wholistic approach to fight prostate cancer through awareness, early screening, treatment, and support.

Every step of the way, food, music, and fellowship engulfed the occasion. Seeing old friends was a big bonus as Rotary Clubs across our own district (RC Kuching Central, RC Kota Kinabalu, RC Kota Kinabalu Pearl among others), including our sister club RC Makati, made the weekend even more memorable.

Congratulations again President Prakash, IPP Dr Alaric Nathan, ISC Director Gabriel Nair, and the whole Board for showing us the Malaysian hospitality!



RC MUAR LUNCH AND FELLOWSHIP

By ISC Director Navaneeth Rajkumar

24 August 2025 - After attending the RC KLDi Raja installation, 7 of our members including PDG Lip Kee, President Sonali, PE Rajkumar and ISC Dir Navaneeth visited our sister club RC Muar. For many of our members, this was the first visit to Muar which is a quiet little town with many families that have lived for multiple generations.

RC Muar has 13 members, and we were warmly welcomed by 6 members including their club president Thanaprakash and DGE Dr Senthil.

We met in their club's meeting venue and were impressed by all the rotary club flags that adorned its walls. We were also pleasantly surprised to see the flag of Rotary Club of Singapore when we were part of district 330.

President Sonali did a flag exchange with President Thanaprakash and all Rotarians discussed the joint projects we have successfully executed in the past and the upcoming projects.

We were later treated to some authentic local cuisine accompanied by a durian feast..

DGE Dr Senthil shared some of his plans for his year as District Governor and our PE Rajkumar was keenly listening to his vision. Both of them promised RCS members that it will be a fun filled year under their leadership as President and DG.

We have shared a time-tested relationship with RC Muar and we look forward to strengthening our relationship..



RC MAKATI PASEO DE ROXAS DINNER FELLOWSHIP

By VP Suzanne Ng

23 August 2025 - Board members of RC Singapore PP Perlita, Suzanne Ng, Vice President and Chair of the Speakers Programme, and Jeyanthi, Membership Director, met with Past President Jo and current President Marivic of RC Makati Paseo de Roxas over cocktails and tapas at The Florete.

The evening was filled with laughter and rich learning as they explored opportunities for further collaboration and discussed how best practices can be shared and enhanced between the clubs. Past President Perlita also joined in, contributing to the fruitful discussion.

Key Highlights

- **Meeting at The Florete:** A productive evening of networking and collaboration.
- **Discussion Topics:** Sharing best practices and enhancing opportunities between clubs.
- **Attendees:**
 - RCS
 - Suzanne Ng (Vice President and Chair of Speakers Programme)
 - Jeyanthi (Membership Director)
 - PP Perlita
 - RC Paseo de Roxas
 - Past President Jo
 - President Marivic



OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

THE FOUR WAY TEST

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendship?
4. Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

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THE GUIDE TO DAILY LIVING

Before doing the things we want to do, consider first, the Precepts of the guide. Ask ourselves these 4 questions and act upon them:

1. Have I spent some time in self-examination?
2. Have I spent quality time with my family?
3. Have I given my best to my work?
4. Have I given some time to someone near and far?

The Guide, in fact, encompasses the 4 parts of the Object of Rotary.

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